

**Subject: Receiving the “Scaling Up Non-Profit Housing in Ottawa” Report**

**File Number: ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0051**

**Report to Planning and Housing Committee on May 3, 2023**

**Submitted on April 21, 2023 by Kelly Crozier, Committee Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk**

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**Ward: Citywide**

**Objet : Réception du rapport « Augmenter l’offre de logement sans but lucratif à Ottawa »**

**Dossier : ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0051**

**Rapport au Comité de la planification et du logement**

**Le 3 mai 2023**

**Soumis le 21 avril 2023 par Kelly Crozier, coordonnatrice du comité, Bureau du greffier municipal**

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**Quartier : À l'échelle de la ville**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**That the Planning and Housing Committee receive this report for information.**

**RECOMMANDATION(S) DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Comité de la planification et du logement prenne connaissance de ce rapport.**

## **BACKGROUND**

In January 2020, the City of Ottawa declared an affordable housing and homelessness emergency by way of a motion at City Council. In November 2022, the City of Ottawa has also seen its new Official Plan approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, setting yet a new roadmap to guide land-use planning in the city for the coming decades.

In conjunction with its purview of land-use planning, the City has a 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan to guide its actions and initiatives on these housing matters for 2020-2030. One of the components of this plan is developing an Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan (CIP), which began its consultation process in 2022. The main purpose of the Affordable Housing CIP is to act as a tool to recommend and provide the “most effective incentives for the delivery of affordable rental and ownership units in the city.”

In conjunction with municipal levers, provincial and federal levers (such as the Rapid Housing Initiative and Housing Accelerator Fund, among others) exist to increase affordable housing supply across all levels of government.

## **DISCUSSION**

Planning and Housing Committee is asked to receive the appended report for information.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with the report recommendations.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no anticipated legal implications, should Committee receive this report for information.

## **COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)**

This is a City-wide report.

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) COMMENTS**

This has not been considered by Advisory Committees.

## **CONSULTATION**

Consultation was undertaken as outlined in Document 1.

## **ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

In addition to the issues relating to persons with disabilities noted in the report, the City's Accessibility Advisory Committee has taken an interest in housing, and this item was included in the Committee's previous workplan, at their request. A presentation was given to the Committee by staff in Housing Services in 2022.

Affordable and accessible housing is a City initiative, as part of the 2020-2024 City of Ottawa Municipal Accessibility Plan. As part of this initiative, the City recognizes the importance of providing affordable accessible housing options. Affordable housing projects approved under the City's Action Ottawa program include mandatory accessibility design criteria in addition to providing a minimum number of barrier-free dwelling units (10 per cent). Council receives an update on this plan annually, with the next report going to Council in May 2023.

The City is also committed to ensuring affordable housing units are visitable. Section 6.13 of the City's [Accessibility Design Standards](#) (ADS) applies to the construction of affordable rental housing in buildings of 24 or more units that are funded by the City of Ottawa. The ADS also encourages the private sector to consider visitability as part of the construction and/or substantial renovation of residential housing units.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk management implications associated to this report.

## **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no rural implications associated with this report or its recommendations.

## **TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

There are no specific Term of Council Priorities identified with this report or its recommendations.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1 – Our City Starts with Home: Scaling Up Non-profit Housing in Ottawa (Issued separately as a document to accompany the report)

## **DISPOSITION**

This report is for information purposes.